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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

To whom it may concern:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROMINENT LABELING OF IRRADIATED FOODS.

The FDA should retain the current labeling law with the proper terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" being <u>largely</u> and <u>prominently</u> displayed on the <u>front</u> of the package, to be easily recognized and understandable, along with the radura symbol.

This includes any processed food that contains irradiated ingredients.

Phrases containing the word "pasteurization" as a substitute for the term "irradiation" should not be used. It is incorrect and misleading.

Unwrapped or unlabled items such as fresh produce should be required to display in store signage indicating which products have been irradiated.

Irradiation has not had long term extensive human testing, therefore, consumers have a <u>definite right</u> to know if this process has been done on the food they use so determinations can be made by <u>each individual</u> as to how this food might effect or change any nutritional, health or medical needs they might have.

I strongly believe it is the absolute right of all consumers to have correct and complete product labeling and information.

THE FDA'S LABELING REQUIREMENTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXPIRE.

Sincerely,

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